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Robert J. Kabel, Chairman
District of Columbia Republican Committee
1275 K Street, N.W., Suite 102
Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: MUR 6127
VIDA Fitness
Urban Salons, Inc. d/b/a Bang
Salon Spa

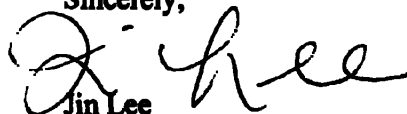
Dear Mr.Kabel:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on October 27, 2008. The Commission found that there was reason to believe that VIDA Fitness, Urban Salons, Inc. d/b/a Bang Salon Spa, and David von Storch violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f). On January 14, 2010, a conciliation agreement signed by the respondents was accepted by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on January 14, 2010.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the conciliation agreement is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,


Jin Lee
Attorney

Enclosures
Conciliation Agreement

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)

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VIDA Fitness)

Urban Salons, Inc. d/b/a Bang Salon Spa)

David von Storch)

OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNSEL

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was generated by a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"). See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1). The Commission found reason to believe that VIDA Fitness, Urban Salons, Inc., d/b/a Bang Salon Spa, and David von Storch (collectively "Respondents") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended (the "Act").

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

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Applicable Law

1. Corporations are prohibited from making contributions or expenditures from their general treasury funds in connection with any election of any candidate for federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a).

2. Corporations (including officers, directors or other representatives acting as agents for the corporation) also are prohibited from facilitating the making of contributions. 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f)(1).

3. Corporate facilitation includes “using a corporate or labor organization list of customers, clients, vendors or others who are not in the restricted class to solicit contributions or distribute invitations to the fundraiser, unless the corporation or labor organization receives advance payment for the fair market value of the list.” 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f)(2)(i)(D).

4. Corporate facilitation includes “providing catering or other food services operated or obtained by the corporation or labor organization, unless the corporation or labor organization receives advance payment for the fair market value of the services.” 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f)(2)(i)(E).

5. Corporations are permitted to solicit contributions to be sent directly to candidates, but those solicitations are limited solely to its stockholders and executive or administrative personnel, and their families, which constitute a corporation's restricted class. See 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2)(A); 11 C.F.R. §§ 114.1(j) and 114.2(f).

Factual Background

6. VIDA Fitness (“VIDA”), a Subchapter S corporation, is a fitness club with three locations in Washington, D.C.

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7. Urban Salons, Inc., d/b/a Bang Salon Spa ("Bang") is a salon and spa with three locations in Washington, D.C.

8. David von Storch is VIDA's President and sole shareholder and is Bang's Chief Executive Officer and Principal Owner.

9. Obama Victory Fund ("OVF") is the joint fundraising committee comprised of Obama for America, which is the principal campaign committee for President Barack Obama, and the Democratic National Committee.

10. In or about mid-September 2008, Mr. von Storch and Thomas Petrillo, a representative of OVF, agreed to hold a fundraising event on September 26, 2008 ("OVF Event") at VIDA's newest location on 1515 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. This location had not yet opened to the public.

11. Prior to September 19, 2008, Mr. Petrillo emailed Mr. von Storch an invitation to the OVF Event that was prepared by OVF.

12. Without the knowledge or approval of OVF, including Mr. Petrillo or any agents thereof, Mr. von Storch revised the invitation and, on September 19, 2008, electronically sent the invitation to approximately 20,000 individuals on a list of customers and friends of VIDA and Bang ("VIDA/Bang List") that was prepared by Mr. von Storch.

13. Neither VIDA nor Bang received any payment for the use of the VIDA/Bang List from OVF prior to September 19, 2008. Mr. von Storch estimated the value of the VIDA/Bang List at \$3,000.

14. On September 26, 2008, OVF held the OVF Event at VIDA's location on 15th Street in Washington, D.C., described in paragraph 10.

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15. Although VIDA provided beverages, including a keg of beer and sodas, which were approximately worth \$225, VIDA failed to invoice OVF for these beverages until November 26, 2008, and OVF paid the invoice on December 4, 2008.

16. On December 4, 2008, Mr. von Storch made a personal contribution of \$3,000 to OVF, the estimated value of the VIDA/Bang List.

V. Respondents committed the following violations of the Act:

1. Respondents facilitated the making of contributions in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f) by failing to obtain advance payment for the VIDA/Bang List to distribute an invitation to the OVF Event and by failing to obtain advance payment for the beverages provided by VIDA at the OVF Event.

2. Respondents solicited contributions from individuals outside of VIDA's and Bang's restricted class in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of five thousand and five hundred dollars (\$5,500), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(B).

VII. Respondents will cease and desist from violating 2 U.S.C. § 441b and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(f).

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof

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and David von Storch

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has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

X. Respondents shall have no more than thirty days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement.

XI. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Thomasenia P. Duncan, General Counsel

BY:


Ann Marie Terzaken
Associate General Counsel

1/20/10
Date

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


VIDA Fitness

12-11-09
Date


Urban Salons, Inc., d/b/a
Bang Salon Spa

12-11-09
Date


David von Storch

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